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Wycombe Wanderers 5
Hendon 0

HENDON were slammed 5-0 at Wycombe on Tuesday evening, and after a hasty check through the records Press secretary David Barrett declared that it was Hendon's biggest league setback since they joined the Isthmian League 11 years ago.

Wycombe, accused of being cheats when they only scraped a 2-1 win at Claremont Road last month, were brilliant. It would have been easier for Hendon to have climbed Everest than safely negotiate the slopes of Loakes Park on such a night!

"It was something we had been threatening to do all season," said Wycombe's assistant manager John Reardon. "It was unfortunate it had to be Hendon."

Said Hendon boss Bill Fisher: "Wycombe would have beaten anybody in the league with that performance."

Watched by a crowd of 3,500, Wycombe turned on the heat in a fantastic 15 minute spell before the interval when they were rewarded with four goals.

No mistake

The door was opened in the 30th minute when John Field conceded a penalty by bringing down the brilliant Dylan Evans. Howard Kennedy made no mistake from the spot.

Dominating midfield Wycombe went further ahead two minutes later with a superb effort by Steve Perrin, a schoolmaster at Christ's College, Finchley. Perrin slotted the ball home following a quick attack engineered by Terry Reardon and Mick Hollifield.

A defensive error gave Perrin the chance to net the third goal in the 40th minute. Slow in checking a through ball from former Hendon left-back Gary Hand, Brian Stevens was out-paced by Perrin, who gave Peter Smith no chance.

Welsh international Evans, Wycombe's most dangerous attacker, gave the champions a 4-0 interval lead when, unchallenged, he headed in a Reardon corner just before the break.

David Poole mistimed his tackle when Evans streaked after a wing ball from Keith Mead in the 50th minute and the Welshman pulled back a cross for Keith Searle to stroke into the net.

Eased up

All of a sudden Wycombe eased up and Hendon, without Brian Parkinson because of business reasons, started to do the things they should have done earlier. They hit the ball about instead of dithering with it.

Bobby Southam, before being substituted by newcomer Steve Waller in the 75th minute, tested goalkeeper John Maskell with a couple of strongly taken free kicks and Eggie James, who won everything in the air without being impressive, nodded a good effort just wide.

It was an unfortunate evening for goalkeeper Smith, who did not have many direct shots to save — and had no chance with any of the five goals.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell, G. Hand, P. Birdseye, D. Bullock, K. Mead, T. Reardon, H. Kennedy, M. Hollifield, D. Evans, K. Searle, S. Perrin, Substitute: A. Horseman.

Hendon: P. Smith, D. Poole, G. Owen, J. Field, B. Stevens, R. Haider, S. Jefferies, B. Davies, R. Davies, R. Southam (withdrawn), E. James. Substitute: S. Waller.